

1 PATENT

2 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE #3

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4 In re Application of: Brad A. ARMSTRONG)
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6 Filed: December 6, 1999)
7 For: VARIABLE-CONDUCTANCE SENSOR)
8 Atty Docket: 27676-2/P08)
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11 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

12 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
13 Washington, D.C. 20231

14 Sir:

15 Please amend the application as follows, prior to examination on the merits, and prior to
16 calculation of the filing fee.

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18 IN THE SPECIFICATION:

19 Replace the first sentence of the application with the following:
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21 - - This application is a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
22 09/106,825, filed June 29, 1998, now U.S. Patent 5,999,084, the entire contents of which are
hereby incorporated by reference. - -

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25 CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

26 I hereby certify that the foregoing **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post
27 Office to Addressee" service, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated below and addressed to Box Fee-Amendment, Assistant Commissioner
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28 Dated: March 9, 2000

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